

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : BLIN, Patrick
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For : CARTON FOR MULTIPLE ARTICLES
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified application. Copies of the non U.S. patents cited in the form PTO/SB/08 are enclosed. The other cited references are U.S. patents and thus copies thereof are not submitted in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98 (a). The foreign references are as follows: GB 1420024 A; DE 8514718 U1; EP 0475147 B1 and GB 2252546 A.

The following is a concise explanation of DE 8514718 U1: DE 0814718 U1 discloses a carton for packaging articles such as bottles. The carton is provided with a bottle dispensing arrangement that includes hinged portions (4) that are severable partially from the carton.

The following is a concise explanation of EP 0475147 B1: EP04751478B1 discloses a packaging material blank (1) in the form of a band wrapping for packaging a plurality of containers, for example cans, bottles (31) or the like. The packaging material blank (1) comprises a top part (2), side walls connected to the top part, and bottom parts (4, 4') which adjoin the side walls (3, 3') and can be connected in the folded state. An additional fastening of the containers are provided at the respective side region of the blank. The blank can be made and folded as simply as possible to provide a very compact packaging with increased safety

against tearing. It is proposed that bendable upper, lateral and lower side flaps (5-9 and 5'-9') are provided as the fastening. These flaps are connected at least partially to one another or one below the other after folding. The mutually adjacent side flaps (e.g. 5 and 7) are connected via a folding surface (12) which connects adjacent side flaps (e.g. 5 and 7) to one another in the folded state and is folded in. As a result, in the folded state of the blank (1), the side flaps fit tightly around the outside contour of the containers."

This information is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above application or before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the information cited in this statement be considered accordingly to 37 CFR § 1.97 (b). However, if this information is submitted after the three months and a first Office Action has been mailed on or before the filing date of the Information Disclosure Statement, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2512 in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17 (p) and consider the information according to 37 CFR § 1.97(c).

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